Unpassed hands.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I rise to move amendment (k) to Resolution No. 2, *viz.*, "*that all unpassed hands in the various Departments with over 10 years' service be exempted and they be given the regular promotion*". There was in certain Departments in the State service some unpassed hands who have put in more than 10 years' service and some of them, I understand, are given exemptions and they are given promotions pertaining to their grade, while a few others have not been given the benefit of this exemption and I do not find any reason for this differentiation between these two sets of persons of the same grade. So I move that all unpassed hands in the various Departments who have put in over 10 years' service be exempted and they be given regular promotions pertaining to their grade.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—I beg to second it.

The resolution was put and agreed to.

Office Managers and Subordinate Staff.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Sir, I beg to move resolution No. 68, that "*having regard to the fact that members of the subordinate service of the State and the menials are not sufficiently remunerated, this Council do recommend to the Government that their pay be revised according to the recommendations contained in the majority report that the Office Managers of all major Departments be graded in the scale of 100—150 and that all promotions be given according to seniority in service*". In the case of Managers of the major Departments they deserve special consideration and my opinion is that even the grade 100—125 is too low in the case of a ministerial Head of the Department who by virtue of his position is to be in the confidence of his Chief. I, therefore, recommend that the ministerial Heads of all such offices be put on a uniform scale of 100—150. I wish also to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that seniority of service should in all cases determine promotions.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I second it.

President.—I wish to ask you one question before I put this to the vote of the House. Have there not been resolutions or motions here which have already been considered and passed, pertaining to the same matter? This should not go against those already passed.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—This is subject to those already carried.

President.—We have had some modifications in the report of the Committee regarding these officers' pay. The latter portion of this resolution is against those already carried.

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Mr. C. Barton Wright.—If I am going over the same ground again, I shall withdraw.

The resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.

President.—Now, I think we can put resolution No. 2 to the vote.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—There are various resolutions and amendments relating to the Education Department, and if we carry the main resolution that will be superseding the claims of those that have not already been moved. This may be taken up as the last.

President.—Yes.

Assistant Surgeons.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—I beg to move that "*the recommendations in para 106, namely, to divide the Assistant Surgeons' grade into two, first Rs. 150—200 and second Rs. 100—150, be not given effect to, and all the Assistant Surgeons be placed on one grade of Rs. 100—200.*"

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to second it.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I rise to support that motion.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I also support that motion.

Dr. E. A. Veigas.—I also support it.

President.—Any special reason?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—So that all may have the same benefit and not one or two.

The resolution was put and agreed to.

Mr. V. D. Ouseph.—Sir, I may be permitted to move motion No. 39 that "*the proposal by the Special Finance Committee that some of the existing dispensaries may be converted into aided ones should not be given effect to.*" That is a very retrograde step and since there is no time I leave it to the House to vote for the motion.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I second it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—On what ground?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Well, I shall state my reasons. If only you will go and look into the working of the existing dispensaries, you will see what amount of relief they do give to the great number of poor patients treated there day by day while our grant-in-aid dispensaries are not doing even 25% of the work done by our Sirkar dispensaries. Converting them into grant-in-aid ones means reducing the quantity of drugs supplied and also depriving the poor patients of their needs now provided in the dispensaries. Such a conversion would certainly be detrimental to the public health of the State at large. And I am sure this move, which is destructive in character and highly detrimental to the health of our rural areas, would never be accepted by the Government.

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